

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 9, 1893, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Welcker's Hotel, Washington, D. C. Aug. 9th, 1893. Mabel darling:

I am more troubled about you than than about our affairs. There is really no cause for alarm and your telegrams show that you are in a nervous excited condition — at a time when you need perfect rest and freedom from excitement. Now do be good — rest quietly — and above all trust me.

There is absolutely no ground for uneasiness. I have provided ample funds for Volta Bureau and etc. I telegraphed to find out whether the Burlington and Missouri Land Grant Bonds — which mature in October — could be redeemed now as I saw a notice from the C. B. & Q Company dated July 18th — that funds were then available for that purpose. The reply was —“Yes”. The Bonds have been sent on for redemption — and tomorrow I expect the amount to be placed to your credit in your Capital account. This will be Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with accrued interest. The interest on your American Bell Telephone Bonds — has already been received and placed to credit of deposit account. This will make ample provision for Volta Bureau building and etc. I have made inquiries about the Boston Banks with the result that I am convinced that they are perfectly safe — having a surplus — or reserve fund — half as great as their capital.

I don't believe that Charley will want any assistance from our Bonds — and is only acting from motives of precaution. I will see what securities he proposes to offer — and will do nothing till I see you and explain whole matter to you — and gain 2 your approval.

Now don't worry — dismiss the whole matter from your mind — rest and get well. That's your first duty — and trust me to look out for the interests of my little wife.

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Your loving husband, Alec. P. S. Charlie does not hold a general power of Attorney from you. A.G.B.